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REMARKS

Applicants' representative submits that no new matter has been entered into the present application by this preliminary amendment. The Examiner's indication that claim 1 would be allowable over Horvitz, *et al.* if amended to include limitations of dependent claim 2 per a discussion on August 2, 2004 has been noted and is appreciated. Amendments to independent claims 1, 27, 39, and 41 have been entered accordingly. Further, independent claims 27 and 41 have been amended to overcome a previous 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection. Accordingly, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, including any additional extensions of time that may be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,



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